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2009 HOFFMASTER STATE PARK MANAGED DEER HUNT INFORMATION (231) 798-3711

PREREGISTERED DRAWINGS

Applicants will apply by submitting a card to the **DNR**, **Plainwell Operations Service Center**. There is no fee to apply. Cards must be postmarked by **August 28**, **2009** or **hand delivered by noon on August 28**, **2009**. Cards postmarked after the deadline or filled out incorrectly will not be entered in the drawing. You do not need return postage on the card as this card will not be returned to you.

Instructions for Preregistered Hunt Applications

- 1. Applicants may apply **once**. Indicate both a first choice and a second choice. Hunt Choice Code Numbers for hunts are listed below.
- 2. Hunters must mail or hand deliver a **postcard** (not a piece of paper) measuring **no larger** than 4" x 6" to the **Plainwell Operations Service Center, 621 North 10th Street, Plainwell, Michigan 49080 with the following information on one side of the card:**

Name
Address – City – State – Zip
Date of Birth
Telephone Number
Driver's License Number or Sportcard Number - whichever is used when purchasing license
Hunt Choice Code Number – Be sure to enter a first and second choice

3. Only successful applicants will be notified. They will be notified by mail by October 24, 2009. Hunters who are successful for antierless permits will be notified with instructions on how to purchase up to two (2) Special Hoffmaster Managed Deer Hunt antierless deer license(s) using the Retail Licensing System. Because this hunt is designed to control deer numbers, hunting for antierless deer only is permitted.

HOFFMASTER STATE PARK							
HUNT CHOICE CODE #	DATES	TYPE	NUMBER OF HUNTERS	HUNT AREA			
0101	Nov. 15	Firearm	25	North			
0102	Nov. 15	Firearm	35	South			
0103	Nov. 21	Firearm	32	North			
0104	Nov. 21	Firearm	43	South			
0105	Nov. 28	Firearm	32	North			
0106	Nov. 28	Firearm	43	South			
0107	Dec. 5	Muzzleloader	35	North			
0108	Dec. 5	Muzzleloader	45	South			

Hunt Areas: **North** – North of Day Use Beach Road

South - South of Day Use Beach Road

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GENERAL INFORMATION

HUNTABLE SPECIES: Antierless deer only! All other hunting licenses are invalid for this hunt.

REQUIRED LICENSE: The managed hunt (antlerless) permit is not a stand alone permit. Each hunter must

also purchase a valid deer hunting license for a regular season (firearm, combo,

archery, or antierless).

FIREARMS: Same as statewide regulations.

SPECIAL Successful applicants may bring an assistant with them. ONLY the successfully drawn

ASSISTANCE: applicant may carry a firearm.

MANDATORY CHECK

IN & OUT:

All hunters will be required to check in and out at the permit booth at the main entrance to the

park.

PERMITS: Permits will be issued to you upon check in. You must carry your issued permit with you

during your hunt period.

LICENSE & PERMIT

RETURNS:

The managed hunt permit and any unused licenses must be returned upon leaving the park. Failure to return unfilled licenses on time may result in ineligibility for future permits. Deer

hunters having any outstanding licenses for any of the 2009 managed hunts will not be eligible

for managed deer permits in 2010.

HUNTER ORANGE: Follow statewide regulations. All hunters will be required to wear hunter orange. Multiple

orange garments are recommended for better visibility.

BUTTON BUCKS: Hunters are encouraged to carefully look at antierless deer before shooting to minimize the

chance of harvesting a button buck or young male. This hunt is designed to manage the deer population in the park. Harvesting an adult doe is the best way to accomplish this objective.

SHOOTING HOURS: A ½ hour before sunrise to a ½ hour after sunset. Hunters will be allowed in the park one (1)

hour prior to shooting hours and must leave the managed hunt area by 1 ½ hours after

shooting hours.

SCOUTING: During normal park hours of 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

PORTABLE BLINDS: Only portable blinds are allowed. Ground blinds of down dead material are not allowed.

TREE STANDS: Not allowed.

BAITING: Not allowed.

GUT PILES: Gut piles will not be left within 50 yards of established trails.

DEER CHECK: Hunters are required to check harvested deer at the permit booth located at the main entrance

to the park. Biological data will be collected to improve our deer management program.

SAFETY: The park will be open during the hunt to other visitors who may not be wearing hunter

orange.

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